



Foster Connections Newsletter

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Announcements

The Children's Division is currently working on a project to implement DocuSign with our resource licensing forms. This will help streamline the process of obtaining and renewing licenses. Resource Licensing workers will be able to send a Foster Parent an envelope full of documents to sign. The Foster Parent then signs and when finished the signed documents are automatically emailed to the Resource Licensing Worker. We are excited for this opportunity to make the process of obtaining or renewing a license easier.

Training & Events

Virtual Training Opportunity - MPACT will be presenting *Parents Facilitate, Youth Take Action on Wednesday, November 18th from 10 to 11 am*. The information discussed in this training will help parents and youth understand the importance of planning for life after high school. Hands on activities are provided for youth to practice using skills for problem solving, goal setting, and participation in IEP meetings. Link to register is below. Copy and paste into your browser.

<https://www.missouriparentsact.org/event/parents-facilitate-youth-take-action/?instanceid=74>.

Virtual - The Children's Trust Fund Alliance will be presenting *Relationships Matter Workshops: Building Birth and Foster Parent Partnerships that Last* on both Thursday November 18th from Noon to 1:30 p.m. or on Monday, December 13th from 2 - 3:30 pm. They will discuss how children and youth are more likely to thrive when the important adults

in their lives work together and share responsibilities and decision-making. Learn more and register at the link below. Copy and paste into your browser.

<https://ctfalliance.org/partnering-with-parents/bfpp/#workshops>

Virtual - Family Forward will present *Sensory Processing and Integration* on Thursday, December 2nd and 9th from 6 to 9 p.m. Difficulties with sensory processing are often confused with behavioral problems. Children who have been in foster care or adopted are at a heightened risk of experiencing these challenges. This two-part training provides parents with a hands on experience. To register contact Sarah Gamblin at 314-968-2350 ext. 5230 or sarah.gamblin@familyforward.org

Tips & Reminders

Are you familiar with the I am a Foster Parent web page? This is a web page made specifically for our resource families. Go to dss.mo.gov/cd and click on Foster Care and Adoption. Then click on Foster Care and then click on I am a Foster Parent. This page houses many of the trainings that are required as well as other information and resources. In addition to this page, there is a web page titled Resources for Professionals & Stakeholders. This page is also designed for Foster Parents and houses more resources and information and even some videos. To get to this webpage go to dss.mo.gov/cd and scroll down to where it says More Information. Then click on Resources for Professionals and Stakeholders (it is the first one listed).

Memos/Practice Alerts

No new memos or practice alerts have come out since the latest newsletter.



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